

The Daily Argus.

ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

Tuesday, September 4, 1877.

General Howard will thank the War Department for its determination to keep Sitting Bull away from Joseph. If they ever get together he will have to make quicker time than he has yet made.

True bills have been found against half a dozen of South Carolina's late plunderers. This is what the carpet-baggers would call an ignominious surrender of the principles for which we fought and bled.

Sitting Bull is like Catalina, as interpreted by Artemus Ward. He was gone, but maybe he has come again. Or like Metamora, for he may say: "You were going to send for me—I am here. If you don't want me, I will not go back again."

A new daily Republican newspaper will be born at Washington on September 10, and will be christened *The National Union*. Ex-Congressman Lynch of Maine is the bold man who is anxious to enrich the graveyard of journalism with another tombstone.

The Ohio republican leaders are on the defensive. Nearly all their speeches contain an explanation of why the same vote in Louisiana and Florida elected republican presidential electors and democratic state officers. Republicans generally seem to think there is something in that business that needs to be defended.

South Carolina is proceeding steadily against the infamous ring that plundered her for so many years. Indictments have been found against a large number of officials and ex-officials, one of them being United States Senator Patterson. The accusations include every crime, from petty larceny to forgery, stopping short only at murder.

It is an extraordinary struggle that has been carried on for now ten days, between the Russians and the Turks, in the Shipka Pass of the Balkan mountains. Both sides have received heavy reinforcements during the progress of the long struggle; and both have fought with the greatest pertinacity and audacity. The position is of extreme importance to both armies. If the Russians lose it, their armies in Bulgaria will be driven back to the Danube, if not across the Danube. If the Turks fail to take it, they must carry on their campaign in Bulgaria, whether it be defensive or offensive, under disadvantages that will be hard to overcome.

A Fact to be Remembered.
Republican conventions about to adopt platforms, Democratic candidates for Governor about to write letters of acceptance, politicians of both parties, honest and dishonest voters, and the rest of the American people, including Rutherford B. Hayes and J. Madison Wells, will do well to bear in mind this fact:
The Joe Bradley Commission did not decide that Hayes's title to the Presidency was essentially good; it only decided, by a vote of eight to seven, not to investigate that title to see whether it was good or not. If the record of the so-called Electoral Commission and its eight to seven decision is constantly kept in sight, the country will be spared much nonsense.

REDUCING SALARIES.
The De Facto Administration Forced to Adopt the Democratic Policy.
The commission to investigate the Boston custom-house recommends that the pay of female copyists be reduced \$300 per annum, and that messengers may be cut down to \$720 a year. When the last democratic house was laboring to effect a reduction of our excessive expenditures, the republicans strenuously resisted an attempt to reduce salaries of all officials above first class clerks ten per cent. Speech after speech was made on the republican side, some denouncing and others ridiculing this pious policy of Mr. Randall, who was then chairman of the appropriation committee. Had Mr. Randall proposed to reduce the pay of female clerks and copyists the entire republican press would have howled that this was an attempt of the ex-Confederate house to punish the widows and daughters of Union soldiers. Mr. Randall made a strenuous effort to effect a reduction in the customs expenditures, but all custom-house officials were paid from what is known as a permanent appropriation, and the democratic house could not touch this fund without new legislation, and this the senate would not consent to. The wisdom of the reduction in expenditures effected by the last democratic house was shown by the fact that the revenue of the government fell off so largely during the fiscal year 1876-77, that had not these savings been made there would have been a large deficit. Now the present de facto administration is testifying to the wisdom of the policy inaugurated by the democrats by following in the path marked out for them by Sam Randall.

STARVING INDIA.
The Mortality in the South-Indian States of Cannibalism from Mysore.

The editor of the *Madras Times*, who is a member of the relief committee, writes under date of August 1 as follows: "The population in southern India or less afflicted by famine numbers 24,000,000. In the most favorable circumstances at least one-sixth of the people will die. The famine is immeasurably greater than that in Bengal. Twenty-three people in all died of starvation in Bengal. In Madras, no camp of 3,000 rises morning after morning without leaving thirty corpses. In the interior the distress is most fearful. One gentleman passing down a valley in the Wynad district counted twenty-nine dead bodies in the road. A coffee planter, seeking shelter from the rain in a hut, found six decomposing corpses in it. On any day, and every day, mothers may be seen in the streets of Madras offering their children for sale, while the foundling portion of the poor-house is full of infants found by the police on the roads, deserted by their parents. Since the famine began 500,000 people have died of want and distress. The first big tragedy may be expected in Mysore. In that province, indeed, information has reached us from Bangalore of two cases of cannibalism already."

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A Few Old Facts.

In his elaborate speech delivered at Athens, O., on Saturday, Stanley Matthews made this statement:

"In 1861 the democratic party sent assunder the Union rather than peacefully submit to the inauguration of a republican president. There was no question as to the fact or rightfulness of his election; but it was made the pretext and signal for a disruption. The democratic party had taught itself to believe that it was the exclusive depository of some divine right to rule; and the election of Mr. Lincoln, though constitutional in itself, rudely shocked the party tradition of infallibility. He was treated as an intruder and a trespasser whom it was lawful to eject and expel."

The *New York World* makes this statement the basis of a little political history, containing some few facts that may be interesting to some of our republican friends, as follows:

Macaulay said of an old slander that it had long before been abandoned by statesmen to aldermen; by aldermen to clergymen; by clergymen to old women, and by old women to Sir Harcourt Lees. We are sorry to see Stanley Matthews assume the position of final sponsor for a political outcast of the same kind. It may be worth while to repeat a few facts in regard to the presidential election of 1860 which are no longer fresh in the public mind. They show clearly that the democratic party accepted the election of President Lincoln in good faith and supported him loyally, and had as little to do with secession as the republican party. There were four tickets in the field during that canvass—the ticket nominated by the national republicans convention at Chicago, headed by Lincoln; the ticket nominated by the regular democratic convention at Baltimore, headed by Douglas; the ticket nominated by the seceding democratic convention at Richmond, headed by Breckenridge; and the ticket nominated by the constitutional union convention at Baltimore, headed by Bell. The democratic organization now in existence succeeded in direct line the Douglas democracy of 1860, and is only responsible for the record of that body. On examining the popular vote in the national election of 1860 it appears that Lincoln received 1,537,610 ballots, of which only 26,430 were cast in the slave states, and of this number but 1,929 were cast in the states that subsequently seceded. Douglas received 1,291,574 votes, of which only 163,525 were cast in the slave states, and of this number but 72,084 were cast in the states that subsequently seceded. Breckenridge received 850,082 votes, of which 570,871 were cast in the slave states. Bell received 646,124 votes, of which 515,973 were cast in the slave states. These figures are significant. They show that the popular vote cast against Lincoln was 930,170 in excess of that cast for him; and that the regular democratic vote in 1860 but little more support in the south than the republican ticket. Was the attitude of the democracy on that occasion what Stanley Matthews represents it to be? The party found itself with the beggarly showing of 12 electoral votes and a popular vote of 1,291,574, while a minority candidate, with a larger vote and greater excess of its own, was constitutionally elected by an electoral vote of 180 out of 303. It was certainly an occasion to try the patience of any set of men, but so strong was the party instinct in favor of the forms of law that few Douglas democrats hesitated a moment about acquiescing in the election of Abraham Lincoln or maintaining his authority after his inauguration; and when the southern states seceded and the storm of civil war loomed in the horizon Lincoln could lean with confidence on the faith of his former rival. The course of Douglas was in that crisis considered a guarantee of the safety of the Union. If there was any wavering or paltering with what was called "disloyalty" at the north it was among the supporters of Breckenridge and Bell, many of whom, like Butler, Tremain, Stanton and Dix, afterwards became renegade republicans, casting a momentary moment at seceding southerners whom they had served. The democrats fought faithfully to maintain the Union, though they were vilely slandered by the party that reaped all the glory and profit out of their sacrifices. They criticized freely the cruages committed by the rebels and the miserable crimes of military blunders through which the war was prolonged, but they never forgot their duty as good citizens. They contributed their full share to the rank and file of the army, most of the good officers and very few of the host of blunderers like Butler, Banks and Schenck, who covered the Union with blood and disaster. It is hard to understand how people with any common sense will listen to the slander just revived in Ohio, when a simple application in arithmetic is enough to show that, if the democracy had rebelled against the course of Douglas, the nation would have been represented by a small minority of the people. Without the support of the democracy he could not have held his own. With its opposition, any attempt on his part to uphold his authority by force would have been simply ridiculous.

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